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Status							
1)	Responsive to communication(s) filed on						
2a) <u></u> ☐	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.						
3)	3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposit	ion of Claims		•				
4)	Claim(s) <u>1-59</u> is/are pending in the application.						
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)[5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
	Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8)⊠	8) Claim(s) <u>1-59</u> are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Applicati	ion Papers						
9)	The specification is objected to by the Examiner						
	10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.						
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11)	The oath or declaration is objected to by the Exa						
Priority ι	ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:							
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No							
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 11-12, drawn to a method of identifying a target-binding protein.
- II. Claim 9, drawn to a method of identifying a targetbinding protein further comprising administering the identified member to a subject.
- III. Claim 10, drawn to a method of identifying a targetbinding protein further comprising formulating the identified member to a pharmaceutical composition.
- IV. Claim 13, drawn to a method of identifying a targetbinding protein wherein the varied peptide comprises an intermolecular disulfide bond.
- V. Claim 14, drawn to a target-binding protein.
- VI. Claims 15-16, drawn to a method of identifying a target binding protein comprising an alteration step in the sequence.

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- VII. Claims 17-23, drawn to a method of identifying a target-binding protein comprising providing an initial protein and preparing a plurality of variant proteins.
- VIII. Claims 24-29, 32, 34-37, 40-44 and 46, drawn to an isolated peptide.
- IX. Claim 30, drawn to a peptide comprising an intermolecular disulfide bond.
- X. Claim 31, drawn to a peptide attached to a cytotoxic moiety.
- XI. Claim 33, drawn to a peptide comprising an aromatic di- or tri- peptide.
- XII. Claims 38-39, 45 and 47, drawn to a peptide with a conjugated moiety.
- XIII. Claims 48-51, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid and host cell.
- XIV. Claims 52-57, drawn to a method of administering a target-binding protein to a subject for diagnosis.
- XV. Claims 58-59, drawn to a method of providing an agent.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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Inventions I-IV, VI, VII, XIV and XV are unrelated.

Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are drawn to different methods comprising different components, steps, modes of operation and effects.

Inventions V, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are drawn to different structurally different compounds and/or compositions.

Inventions (I-IV, VI, VII, XIV and XV) and (V, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII) are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are drawn to different statutory subject matters, compounds and methods.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, and the search required for Group I is not required for Groups II-XV, specifically the literature searches, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Claim 37 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising the different target molecule such as integrin , CEA, MUC1 and so forth.

Each of the species in each of the subgroups differs in structure, function, effects and mode of action. A prior art reference anticipating one species would not render obvious the other species.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or

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admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to T. D. Wessendorf whose telephone number is(571)272-0812. The examiner can normally be reached on Flexitime.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571)272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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